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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO MINIMIZE THE FILING FEE

Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the

Referring to the Literal Translation of International Application

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 8 are maintained for calculating the filing fee. Please cancel claims 9 to 12.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which adds new claims

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 8 are maintained unchanged.

Claims 9 to 12 have been cancelled by the First Preliminary Amendment to Minimize the Filing Fee.